

GAETIES IN THE SOCIAL REALM

Dinner Parties and Cards Have Been Fruitful Source of Entertainment.

WHIST CLUB IN ITS NEW HOME

First Meeting of Kate Wheelock Players in New Quarters Next Wednesday.

The Bravest Battle.

The bravest battle that ever was fought, Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you will find it not; 'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with a cannon or battle shot, With sword or nobler pen; Nay, not with eloquent words or thought, From mouths of wonderful men;

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart— Of woman that would not yield, But bravely, silently bore her part— Lo, there was the battlefied.

No marching troops, no bivouac song, No banner to gleam and wave; But, oh! these battles, they last so long— From babyhood to the grave.

Yet faithful still as a bridge of stars, She fights in her walled-up town— Fights on in the endless wars, Then silent, unseen—goes down.

Oh, ye with banners and battle shot, And soldiers to shout and praise, I tell you the kindest victories fought Were fought in these silent ways.

Oh, spotless woman in a world of shame! With a splendid and silent scorn, Go back to God as white as you came, The kindest battle born!

—Joachim Miller.

Florida and Mardi Gras.

For fashionable coteries in American society, the Southland is more popular than ever this winter and may be truthfully and appropriately termed the winter pleasure ground of the most exclusive sets among people of wealth and leisure for travel and pleasure seeking.

For such there are auto races along the beach at Ormond and power-boat contests to add an exciting element to the rest to other attractions at Palm Beach, Florida.

The Alton contingent, made up largely of horse lovers and golfers, seems to be well established, and the season there seems to be in full flow of activity.

And down in New Orleans with its quaint old houses, picturesque streets and cosmopolitan customs, people are getting ready for Mardi, the noted winter festival attended by hundreds of visitors from New York city, its vicinity and other sections of the United States.

Mardi Gras is the modern evolution of the last day of the lenten carnival in Paris, France, where a prize ox, crowned with a fillet and accompanied by imitation priests and a band of tin instruments is led through the streets in imitation of a Roman sacrificial procession.

In New Orleans, the festival has been elaborated until it has become a kaleidoscopic pageant of gorgeous color, in which lovely women and gallant gentlemen play a conspicuous part. Its floats are designed by artists of known ability. The king and queen of the carnival are crowned with much pomp and ceremony, and the line of march, between brilliant multi-colored lights, is in the nature of a triumphal procession, the people forgetting their work-a-day lives and existing for the nonce in the splendor of fairyland.

JANUARY GAETIES.

The Week in Retrospect.

The past week has been very full of entertaining, dinners, card parties and luncheons, succeeding each other with bewildering rapidity. Miss Cabot, of Boston, who is the house guest of Mrs. James Allison, has had a number of entertainments given in her honor. Mr. John T. Anderson, being the host of an Academy box-party, to see the "Runaways" last evening. Those in the "Runaways" last evening. Those in the "Runaways" last evening. Those in the "Runaways" last evening.

The Tuesday german began the week with its New Year dance, which was

largely attended and a great success in the way of social enjoyment.

Mrs. W. D. Thomas and Miss Mary Thomas were at home to friends last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in honor of Miss Mary Thomas. The Woman's Club tendered a reception to Princess Amelia Troubetzkoy that was a social event of Thursday afternoon.

Miss May Jones entertained a number of friends very charmingly at a luncheon and cards Tuesday afternoon in the Jefferson Hotel, and Mrs. Garrett Wall was another of the week's card hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Willis, of "Pembroke," entertained Saturday evening at dinner in honor of Miss Morris of Duluth. Covers were laid for fourteen. Among those present was Miss Sophie Meredith, Miss Page Aylett Royall, Miss Mary Belme, Miss Marian Harris, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart Bryan, Mr. Frank Davenport, Mr. John Currie, Mr. Hamilton G. Boykin, Mr. Frank Blankenship and Mr. William Ferguson.

Mrs. W. T. Brown complimented the Misses Dyer, of Washington, D. C., on Tuesday evening last with a card party, given at the Chesterfield, in their honor.

Week in Prospect.

Mrs. Benjamin Nash and Miss Mary C. Hatcher, of New York, will give an informal reception Tuesday afternoon in honor of Princess Troubetzkoy. Mrs. S. W. Travers and Mrs. Carroll Montague will be in the receiving party.

Mrs. Lawson Carter Younger, of No. 104 West Franklin Street, will be at home Tuesday, January 15th, from 5 to 7 P. M., in honor of her debutante daughter, Miss Cora Younger.

Mrs. James Allison Hodges, of No. 107 East Franklin Street, has issued invitations for a reception to be given Thursday, January 15th, from 5 to 7 P. M., to Miss Emma Moorehead Fry, of North Carolina, who is Mrs. Hodges's guest.

The Monday German will have the third of its series of dances in the Masonic Temple, beginning as usual at 8:30 and closing promptly at 12:30. The presence in Richmond of an unusual number of young ladies from other cities, who are visiting friends here, renders the forecast for the mid-winter dance very gay, indeed.

AMONG THE CLUBS.

The Woman's Club.

On Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock Mrs. C. W. Culp will read a paper before the Woman's Club on "A Tribute to Woman as the Undercurrent in the World's History."

A new feature in club life will be the literary round table, which will be held fortnightly for the informal discussion of ancient and other literature. The meetings will be held on alternate Wednesdays from 5 to 6 P. M., but, owing to a previous engagement, the evening of the first meeting will take place next Thursday afternoon, January 15th, at 5 o'clock, on which occasion two of the most popular novels of the day will be discussed under the direction of Mrs. L. Lewis.

January 15th being always celebrated as "Virginia Day" at the club, its members and their escorts will have the pleasure of hearing Colonel William H. Stewart, of Portsmouth, Va., deliver his eloquent lecture on Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury next Friday evening at half-past eight o'clock. The ladies are entitled to invite gentlemen escorts.

Club in New Home.

The Kate Wheelock Whist Club will meet for the first time next Wednesday in its new home, the front ground floor room of No. 205 East Franklin Street.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Delightful Reception.

Misses Emma and Myrtle Childs gave a

delightful reception to a number of their young friends last Wednesday evening at their home, No. 235 M Street. This city.

The Misses Childs provided admirable hostesses in providing amusing and novel games for their guests. The party was entertained during the evening by Mr. Harry Harts, formerly of New York, assisted by Messrs. Watson and Dardy, who sang several of the latest popular songs.

Among those present were Misses May Tyler, Olga Gipperich, Maude Coleman, Verna Parker, Alma Parker, Annie Boatwright, Blanche Kidd, Beale Allan, Minnie Barker, Maggie Hart, Lettie Hart, Myrtle Childs and Mrs. Julian Binford. Messrs. Clarence Kelly, Willie Boatwright, Frank Power, Robert Slaughter, Woodson Tompkins, Oscar Ence, Herbert Francis, Sam Norment, Richard Pude Charlie Taylor, Marshall Boyle, Mason Smith and Forest Stuart.

Card Party.

Mrs. C. W. Maselle, of No. 271 East Broad Street, entertained at a progressive euchre party on Friday evening, in honor of Miss Janie Brockman, of Amherst county, who is her guest.

There were eight tables, and the color scheme of blue and pink was beautifully carried out in the decorations and score cards.

Mr. Howell won the first prize and Mrs. Cheatwood received the consolation. After the game delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Crump, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cheatwood, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Holsen, Mrs. Shackelford, Mrs. Talley, Miss Janie Brockman, Miss Hattie Snellings, Miss Grace Schermerhorn, Miss Mamie Waddy, Miss Annie Lear, Miss Allice Lear, Miss Mary Currie and Miss Marie Curtis, Messrs. Jeff. Miller, Ellison, Newsome, William Parr, B. G. Massey, Robert Smith, Messrs. Lear and Woolwine.

St. Hilda's Concert.

A most attractive program has been prepared for the concert to be given by St. Hilda's Guild of St. Paul's Church next Wednesday evening in the auditorium of the Woman's Club. The concert will be for the benefit of the Haged Mountain Mission, and the members are doing everything possible to make the evening a success.

Miss Roberta Allen will give several violin selections, and the following well known artists will sing: Mrs. George Warren, Mrs. Clifton Miller, Miss Mabel McMillan, Mr. Douglas Gordon and Mr. H. T. Morton.

Admiral Webster's Lecture.

The lecture to be given by Admiral Harris Webster under the auspices of the art committee of the Richmond Education Association, promises to be of striking interest, as the description views have been specially prepared in Japan

and will then be used for the first time.

The lecture will take place on Thursday evening, January 15th, in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

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